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LETTER DATED 31 AUGUST 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TAJIKISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit the text of a letter dated 30 August 1994 addressed to you by the Head of State and Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Tajikistan, His Excellency Mr. Emomali Rukhmonov, regarding the action taken by the irreconcilable Tajik opposition and foreign mercenaries to escalate the armed conflict in Tajikistan.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its attachment circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) L. KAYUMOV
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 30 August 1994 from the Head of State, Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Tajikistan addressed to the President of the Security Council

In recent days, the intra-Tajik conflict has begun to acquire new features which bring with them a threat to peace and stability not only in Tajikistan but also in the larger region comprising Central Asia and the neighbouring States.

The irreconcilable armed opposition and its protectors, having embarked on the reckless course of escalating the armed conflict, are bringing about its internationalization, a development which poses a threat of the uncontrollable spread of the theatre of war throughout Central Asia and the neighbouring States. In this connection, we are seriously concerned at the massive participation in the military action on the territory of the Republic of Tajikistan of mercenaries from Afghanistan, Algeria, the Sudan and a number of other States. The Government of Tajikistan possesses incontrovertible proof of this, including dozens of nationals of the above-mentioned States who have been detained in the territory of the Republic of Tajikistan or left on the field of battle. The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan is far from believing that participation of nationals of the above-mentioned States and of so-called "non-governmental organizations" in the war against Tajikistan is endorsed by the Governments concerned. At the same time, in view of the growing danger of an uncontrollable widening of the conflict in the region, we urgently appeal to the Security Council and to the Governments of the States whose citizens are taking part in the war against the people of Tajikistan to take urgent and effective measures to prevent further flagrant interference in the internal affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan. Over a period of a year and a half, elements of the irreconcilable armed opposition have not for a day ceased to engage in armed provocations, acts of terrorism and subversive activities directed against the entire people, continuing to commit them even while the intra-Tajik talks on national reconciliation were under way. Having embarked on the course of internationalizing the intra-Tajik conflict, the opposition leaders have in recent days concentrated acute and broad-scale armed provocation against the Russian border troops protecting the border between the Republic of Tajikistan and the Commonwealth of Independent States in accordance with bilateral agreements between the Russian Federation and Tajikistan and with the Declaration on Respect for the Sovereignty, Territorial Integrity and Inviolability of the Borders of the States Members of the Commonwealth of Independent States. As a result of these actions, carried out both directly in the territory of Tajikistan and from the territory of a neighbouring State, some of the Russian military personnel have been killed or wounded. To protect the State border, and also for purposes of self-defence, Russian and Tajik border guards have been compelled to take the necessary and appropriate measures.

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan is convinced that a solution to the ongoing conflict can be achieved only by political means in the context of the intra-Tajik negotiations on national reconciliation.

Bearing in mind that the policy being pursued by the irreconcilable armed opposition of escalating and internationalizing the intra-Tajik conflict carries with it a threat to the peace and security not only of Tajikistan, but of the whole of Central Asia and other neighbouring States, I consider it advisable to draw the attention of the Security Council to this dangerous trend and to request the Council to take it into account in its consideration of the situation that has arisen in Tajikistan with a view to taking the necessary measures to prevent aggressive interference from outside in the internal affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan.

(Signed) Emomali RUKHMONOV
Head of State
Chairman of the Supreme Council
of the Republic of Tajikistan